THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Government provides concessional lines of credit (LoC) to friendly developing countries to support their capacity building and infrastructure development. These LoCs are provided by Government as a gesture of goodwill and economic support. Government does not link these lines of credit with acquisition of energy supplies from overseas.

Supply of petrol and diesel to Tamil Nadu

1986. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a short supply of petrol and diesel by the oil companies in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the reasons for this situation and the action taken by Government thereto; and

(c) the total approximate requirement of petrol and petroleum products estimated and actual supply of the same in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No, Sir. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that there has been no short supply of petrol and diesel in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(b) Does not arise, in view of the reply to part (a) above.

(c) OMCs-wise monthly average approximate requirement of petrol and diesel and actual supply of the same during the period of April 2007 to February 2008 is given below:—

(Figure in Thousand Metric Tonnes)

	Petrol		Diesel	
	Projected demand	*Actual Supply*	*Projected demand*	*Actual Supply*
IOCL	31.4	31.8	169.5	173.8
HPCL	18.74	20.99	55.93	56.52
BPCL	25.09	25.73*	79.91	80.91

Production and consumption of oil and gas

1987. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total consumption of oil and gas in the country during the last three years;

(b) the total demand likely in the coming years;

(c) the total quantity produced in the country and the total quantity imported both in value and quantity during the last three years;

(d) what steps are being taken to increase the production locally and also to identify new locations of oil and gas bearing areas in the country;

(e) whether Government has earmarked any special contingency fund for such programmes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The quantity of crude oil processed for consumption and export of petroleum product by refineries and consumption of Natural Gas/Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) during the last three years is given below:

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Crude Oil #	124.3	127.0	141.5
Domestic Natural Gas @	30775	31325	30791
Regasified LNG @	3406	6810	9351

#Figure in Million Metric Tonne (MMT)

@Figure in Million Standard Cubic Metre (MMSCM)

(b) As per "Report of the working Group on Petroleum and Natural Gas Refining" for XIth Five year plan, the requirement of crude oil and gas by the year 2011-12 are estimated to be 230 MMT and 279.43 Million Standard Cubic Metre per day (MMSCD).

(c) The quantity of crude oil produced and imported along with their value during the last three years are given below:—

Year	Production (MMT)	Import	
		Quantity (MMT)	Value (Rs. Crore)
2004-05	32.1	95.7	117003
2005-06	30.1	99.4	171702
2006-07	31.5	111.5	219029

The total quantity of Natural Gas produced in the country and the quantity of import of LNG by Petronet LNG Limited, Hazira LNG Private Limited and GAIL (India) Limited during the last three years is given below:

Year	Production of Natural Gas (MMSCM)	LNG Import (MMT)
2004-05	31763	2.50
2005-06	32202	5.06
2006-07	31747	6.87

(d) Several steps have been taken/are in hand to accelerate hydrocarbon exploration and production activities and to bridge the demand and supply gap in the country, which include the following:—

(i) Carving out more and more areas for exploration for offer under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).

(ii) Quicker development of discovered reserves for enabling commencement of production.

(iii) Use of stimulation techniques for increasing production from existing fields.

(iv) Application of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) techniques for increasing recovery factor from existing fields.

(v) Arresting decline from ageing fields.

(vi) Acquisition of exploration acreages and producing properties overseas to bring in equity oil.

(vii) Substitution of oil through use of non-conventional sources of energy such as bio-diesel, ethanol, etc.

(viii) Extraction of gas from gas hydrates under National Gas hydrates Programmes (NGHP) by evolving suitable production technology.

(e) Government has not earmarked any special contingency fund for exploration activities.

(f) Does not arise, in view of reply to part (e) above.

Action against LPG distributors in Uttar Pradesh

1988. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG distributors in each State particularly in Uttar Pradesh company-wise and location-wise;

(b) the number of complaints received against these distributors during the last two years in each State, particularly in U.P.; and

(c) the number of distributors against whom the complaints have been received alongwith the number of distributorship cancelled on the basis of these complaints during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) As on 01.02.2008, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were operating 9354 LPG distributorships in the country including 1173 LPG distributorships in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The State-wise details of LPG distributors is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

The location-wise details of LPG distributorships are available with the Directors (Marketing) of the concerned OMCs.

(b) Since 01.04.2006 and upto January, 2008, OMCs have received 1986 complaints against their LPG distributorships in the country. Out of the above, 297 complaints pertain to LPG distributorships in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The State-wise details are available with the Directors (Marketing) of the concerned OMCs.

(c) Complaints have been received against 388 LPG distributors of OMCs in the country since 01.04.2006 and up to January 2008. Out of above, 42 LPG distributors pertain to Uttar Pradesh.